



Consumer Federation of America

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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: In the Matter of Applications of Comcast Corporation, General Electric Company and NBC
Universal Inc. for Consent to Assign Licenses or Transfer Control of Licensees, MB Docket No. 10-56*

Mark Cooper, Director of Research of the Consumer Federation of America met with Edward P. Lazarus, Chief of Staff, and John Flynn, Senior Counsel for Transactions, to discuss the need for the Commission to recognize the threat that the Comcast-NBCU merger poses to the public interest in Internet delivery of video programming (Internet TV).

The threats discussed occur on both the supply-side (withholding of Comcast and NBC owned programming, restriction of Internet distribution rights) and the demand-side (the tying of cable video services to broadband access service, which reduces the market for over-the-top TV, or the abuse of control over bottleneck facilities to degrade the quality or restrict the ability of over-the-top TV providers to reach Comcast broadband subscribers). He argued that if the Commission does not block the merger outright, it must place conditions on it that effectively deal with all four of these problems, or the merger would result in a significant reduction in competition in the Internet TV product space.

Sincerely,

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